

July 23, 2010

The Glastonbury Town Council
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up-to-date on various topics.

1. Project Status Reports:

A status report on several projects proceeding over summer months is as follows.

Magnet School: The competitive bidding process for building demolition and hazardous material abatement is underway. Work is expected to begin by late August and be substantially complete by calendar year end.

Longo Farms (former): This involves improved public access, signage, trails and related improvements to the former Longo Farms parcel. This 148± acre parcel was purchased by the Town in 2000. The easement to relocate the access road from Hebron Avenue is executed, local approvals in place and final review by State DOT (access to Hebron Avenue) underway.

Western Boulevard: The competitive bidding process is complete with 12 bidders responding. A favorable bid award resulted. Road and utility work is expected to be substantially complete by calendar year end. The project is on schedule and within budget.

Hebron Avenue School Roofing: Roof replacement is underway, on schedule and within budget.

Emergency Power: This project to provide emergency power to GHS is well underway. A grant was recently awarded as described below.

2. Grant Award:

The Capital budget funds new emergency power for GHS including emergency shelter facilities. This work is now underway. The Town made application for grant monies under a Homeland Security grant program. I am pleased to advise the Town has been awarded a \$99,954 grant for this project.

3. Buckingham PAD Major Amendment:

A condition of approval for the redevelopment of the Buckingham Plaza requires additional review of the rooftop mechanical units for the Highland Park Market building. The condition indicates that "not longer than 6 months after completion of this project, the applicant shall return to the PAD Subcommittee for review of the rooftop units." The condition also requires as "determined to be necessary by the Subcommittee, screening shall be completed within 6 months of determination."

Subcommittee members have been asked to visit the site and forward any comments or concerns to Community Development staff. Since this is a PAD approved by Council, I wanted to advise all Council members of this in-progress process.

4. Green Bulletins:

When reviewing the new green bulletins, it was suggested information be added on how a land owner can perform a soil test and secure results. Per the attached, this information has been added to the applicable bulletin. All bulletins are posted to the Town web site.

5. CRCOG Bus Shelters:

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) regional bus shelter RFP did not attract any respondents. This was the program to provide new bus shelters for participating communities with an advertising option. Communities and CRCOG will now review options.

6. Communication Tower – Extension:

Per the attached, Verizon Wireless plans to add a 10 foot extension to the existing communication tower located off Bell Street. In accordance with applicable protocols, the July 19th letter serves as public notice to the Town.

7. Neighbor to Neighbor Grant:

Next steps are being developed on specific implementation of this \$4.127 million federal grant awarded to 14 communities including Glastonbury for residential and business energy conservation. Meetings will be conducted over coming weeks and once the basic structure is developed, I will advise Council accordingly. Information will be published to the Town web site and through other channels.

8. Bikepath:

With the favorable bid process for Western Boulevard connection, work is under review to competitively bid the multi-use trail extending between Smith Middle School and Bell Street. Available funding is below project estimates. However, the favorable bidding climate could result in bids close to project funding.

I will be happy to review the preceding and any other items Tuesday evening.

Sincerely,

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Town Manager

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